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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF LUMBINI

REF: KATHMANDU A-29

1. AT THIS TIME WE SEE NO POSSIBILITY OF USG PARTICIPATION IN LUMBINI DEVELOPMENT PLAN. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE WHICH BUDDHISTS AND NEPALESE ATTACH TO SITE OF BUDDHA'S BIRTH, THIS TYPE OF PROJECT COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED EASILY UNDER CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL GUIDELINES FOR AID.

2. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH NEPALESE SECOND SECRETARY (WHO SEEMS TO BE HANDLING THIS MATTER FOR EMBASSY), AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED PESSIMISM ABOUT ANY OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION THOUGH WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED HE LOOK TO PRIVATE SOURCES (SUCH AS JDR III FUND) FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. SMITHSONIAN CONCEIVABLY COULD BE INTERESTED IN SOME FORM OF HELP BUT WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERABLY MORE DETAILED PLANS BEFORE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION COULD OCCUR- EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT SUCH PLANS WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ANY FUTURE
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3. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED GON NOTE ON THIS SUBJECT, SUGGEST YOU DO SO NOW NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH WE

HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED GON REQUEST, AT PRESENT TIME USG DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST ON THIS PROJECT. KISSINGER

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